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Reduction Incentive Funds to provide state funding for core service as defined by the state Board of Education in the following areas: staff development, technology, and instructional services. Presently, ESUs have a levy of three and a half cents, which is part of the levy limits, was decreased to a cent and a half this year. A task force was formed two years ago to study the roles of educational service units. I served on the task force, as did Senator Bohlke and others from across this state. Through the work of...the task force decided that ESUs could best serve schools of this state by providing core services, services provided to each member district in the area of staff development, technology, and media. The Revenue Committee estimated last year the cost of funding these core services would be approximately \$9.7 million, and that was part of the funding commitment, part of the package advanced...LB 180. The funding for these core services as passed last year, in (LB) 806, and was based upon a...per pupil basis for each ESU. However, some ESUs do not have the student population to adequately fund core services, so LB 1110 was introduced to require that each ESU receive at least two and a half percent of the funds appropriated for this purpose. LB 1110 also contains intent language to annually appropriate 9.7 million increases by the percentage of growth in fall membership plus allowable growth rate, beginning in 1999-2000, which is currently 3 percent. And that is the intent of the bill. It is simply to move to a level of two and half percent for each of the ESUs across the state. And I'd be glad to answer any questions related to it.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wehrbein, you are recognized to open on the committee amendments to LB 1110. (AM3570 appears on page 950 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. In order to explain this better, I'm going to ask you to turn to page 6 in your blue book again. We're not out of the blue book, yet. This is on the financial status page. What the committee amendment does, we didn't change Senator Hartnett's bill at all, basically, but we did make a change within the bill in terms of where the funding comes from. And I...in the middle of the page there's a line that's under revenue. It's about half way down, it says, LB 1100, repeal LB 180. That should say 1110. That's